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**For:** DEPTH COUNTER USED TO REDUCE  
NUMBER OF ITEMS TO CONSIDER  
FOR LOOP DETECTION IN A  
REFERENCE-COUNTING STORAGE  
GARBAGE COLLECTOR

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

This reply is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 6, 2007. Please reconsider the application in view of the remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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